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1. THE BAHAMIAN FISHDRIES ZONE LEGISLATION, PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON MAY 11 AND BY THE SENATE ON MAY 25, WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR GENEREL ON JUNE 6 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 16, THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE OFHTAAL GAZETTE. COPIES OF GAZETTE WILL BE AIRPOUCHED WHEN AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY JUNE 23 BUT COPY OF LEGISLATION AIRPOUCHED APRIL 26 IS ACCURATE.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE COMMERCIAL FISHING OF SCALE FISH SUCH AS SNAPPER, GROUPER AND YELLOW TAIL, LICENSES WILL BE GRANTED FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING WITHIN THE BAHAMIAN ZONE BUT ONLY AFTER NEGOTIATION AND SIGNING OF A TREATY WITH U.S. OR OTHER FOREIGN NATION. THE FOREIGN STATE ITSELF, ONCE THE TREATY HAS BEEN SIGNED, MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE EACH YEAR
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FOR EVERY FISHING VESSEL WISHING TO FISH IN THE EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ZONE. SECTIONS 7, 8 AND 9 ARE THE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THE FISHERIES RESOURCES LEGISLATION CONCERNING FOREIGN FISHING TREATIES AND LICENSING. PARTICULAR NOTE SHOULD BEMMADE THAT SUB-PARAGRAPH 5 OF SECTION 9 LIMITS OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF LICENSED VESSELS TO NATIONALS OF THE

COUNTRY THAT OBTAINED THE LICENSE, I.E. NO CUBAN NATIONALS WILL BE ALLOWED TO OWN OR OPERATE U.S. VESSELS LICENSED BY THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE STONE CRAB WAS DECLARED A CREATURE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE SAME LEGISLATION AS SPINY LOBSTER WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE JULY 1975. DEPT. IS CERTAINLY CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT GCOB HAS NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING U.S. TO RESUME SPINY LOBSTER FISHING ON SHELF.

4. SECTION 11 OF THE BAHAMIAN LAW GIVES THE LIMITS OF THE EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ZONE IN THE ABSENCE OF A TREATY. THE LIMITS ARE DIFFERENT FOR "FISHERIES RESOURCES OF THE WATERS" I.E. SCALE FISH, THAN THEY ARE FOR "FISHERIES RESOURCES OF THE SEABED AND SUB-SOIL" E.G. LOBSTER. SECTION 11 SUB-PARAGRAPH (2)(A) REFERS TO THE FORMER AND SUB-PARAGRAPH (2)(B) TO THE LATTER. SECTION 11 IS GIVEN IN ITS ENTIRETY IN REF (B).
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